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Max Michelson

DEATH

One comes to me every day—
Gentle, tactful, and of
Admirable dignity.

He is friendly though not wheedling,
He wants me to know him.
Sometimes he touches my arm,
Or even presses it impulsively.

TO A WOMAN ASLEEP IN A STREET-CAR

Woman sleeping in the car—
Strange, aloof and far—
Shall I shake you and tell you
Who you are?

Wake up and let us speak—
Till our hearts are bared to the core,
Till we are a man and a woman no more,
Till we are empty like vases that leak,
Till we droop and fall,
Till we are nothing at all.

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